

THE ACTS CHURCH

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“EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH”

TEXT: ROMANS 1:18-32 KJV

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; (19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. (24) Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: (25) Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

(26) For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: (27) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. (28) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (29) Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, (30) Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, (31) Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: (32) Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

INTRO: AND OTHERS SAVE WITH FEAR...

Jude 1:23

PULLING THEM OUT OF THE FIRE; HATING EVEN THE GARMENT SPOTTED BY THE FLESH.

If you went to a Doctor complaining of an unexplainable pain in your abdomen and he told you not to worry about it, "It's probably the result of a small cavity in one of your teeth..." – But in reality it was bone cancer!

Or let's say your car had a terrible burning smell, and shook nearly out of control when you tapped the brakes, but your mechanic said not to worry, "You only need to add water to your radiator..." – Yet in reality your brakes had worn completely down to the metal!

If there is a problem, real or perceived; going on in your life don't you want to be told the truth? Wouldn't you want to find the out so you could begin to find the true solution?

Romans 1:21-22 KJV

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THE ARGUMENT HERE IS CLEAR: **Creation** demands a **Creator**. **Design** demands a **Designer**. By looking up at the sun, moon, and stars, anyone can know there is a God.

THIS ANSWERS THE QUESTION:

“What about the **heathen**?” is this: **they are without excuse**. God has revealed Himself to them in creation.

“What about the **atheist**?” is this: **they are without excuse**. God has revealed Himself to them in creation.

“What about the **scientist**?” is this: **they are without excuse**. God has revealed Himself to them in creation.

II. THEY BECAME FOOLS

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1:21 Although they knew God by His works, **they did not glorify Him** for who He is or thank Him for all He has done. Rather, they gave themselves over to **futile philosophies** and **speculations**, and as a result lost the capacity to see and think clearly.

1:22 As men grew more conceited over their self-styled knowledge, they plunged deeper into ignorance and nonsense. These two things always characterize those who reject the knowledge of God—they become **unbearably conceited** and **dreadfully ignorant** at the same time.

III. WHEREFORE GOD GAVE THEM UP

1:24 Three times it is said that **God gave man up**. **He gave them up to uncleanness** (1:24), **to vile passions** (1:26), and **to a reprobate mind** (1:28). In other words, **God's wrath was directed against man's entire personality**.

In response to the **evil lusts of their hearts**, **God abandoned them to** uncleanness—adultery, fornication, lewdness, prostitution, harlotry, etc. Life became for them a round of sex orgies in which **to dishonor their bodies among themselves**.

IV. THEY CHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE

Romans 1:25-28 KJV

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Romans 1:32 KJV

Who **knowing the judgment of God**, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the

same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 1:32 AMP

Though they are fully aware of God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not

only do them themselves but approve and applaud others who practice them.

MEDICAL FACT: Homosexuals Are Physically Endangered Health-Wise, Homosexuality Kills People

MEDICAL DOWNSIDE OF HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR

A Political Agenda Is Trumping Science, Says Rick Fitzgibbons

For the whole story go to:

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/medical-downside-of-homosexual-behavior>

Q: Could you explain why homosexuality is not normal, from a medical standpoint?

A: Fitzgibbons: Homosexuality was diagnosed and treated as a psychiatric illness -- abnormal behavior -- until 1973, when it was removed from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual in psychiatry because of political pressure.

Numerous conflicts make homosexual behaviors abnormal, including rampant promiscuity, inability to maintain commitment, psychiatric disorders and medical illnesses with a shortened life span.

Q: Is homosexuality associated specifically with psychological problems? Can an active homosexual lifestyle lead to adverse psychological consequences?

A: Fitzgibbons: Two extensive studies appearing in the October 1999 issue of the American Medical Association's Archives of General Psychiatry confirm a strong link between homosexual sex and suicide, as well as a relationship between homosexuality and emotional and mental problems.

Q: Many professional medical groups have stopped classifying homosexuality as abnormal behavior, and pro-homosexual organizations actively promote it as just another option that is perfectly normal. Is this responsible from a medical point of view?

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Jude 1:4-7 KJV

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into **lasciviousness**, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. (5) I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having **saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.** (6) And **the angels**

which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. (7) Even as **Sodom and Gomorrha,** and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to **fornication**, and going after **strange flesh,** are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Lasciviousness (Webster's Dictionary)

LASCIV'IOUSNESS, n.

1. Looseness; irregular indulgence of animal desires; wantonness; lustfulness.

Lasciviousness (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia)

la-siv'i-us-nēs (ἀσελγεία, *aselgeia*, "licentiousness," "wantonness," "unbridled lust," "shamelessness," "outrageousness"):

1. When Moses came down for the mountain and Aaron had made an idol of a golden calf... they were naked before the idol proclaiming that this man-made thing was a god! Lasciviousness

2. The angels from Genesis 6 came to earth and had improper sexual relationships and God judged them! Lasciviousness

3. Sodom and Gomorrah caught up into fornication, homosexuality! Lasciviousness

Jude 1:14-16 KJV

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh** with ten thousands of his saints, (15) **To execute judgment** upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their **ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed**, and of all their

hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. (16) These are murmurers, complainers, **walking after their own lusts**; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

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